IN WOMAN'S WORLD

The Smart Set

APROPOS of a San Francisco salon (the idea persists in a haunting, recurrent way), there is the Tea club. They call it a club, but it follows the informal lines of a salon more nearly than it does those of the associations where they discuss "parliamentary law."

It isn't even definite in its informality, merely meets here and there at members' homes for an afternoon or evening of more inspired divertisement than civic reform or bridge, the two ideas that inspire most clubs. And it developed quite naturally from a 4 o'clock ceremony for a coterie of friends who met for tea and idle discourse one winter. This year there is a president, but she never raps a table for order or presides at a meeting in the parliamentary sense of the word. Neither is she supported by a board of directors. It is a title of courtesy.

This year, also, there are evening meetings, with men to lend their inspiration, and delightfully original parties.

On Tuesday evening, for example, there will be a Chinese affair at the home of Mrs. Charles Shurtleff. Details not revealed, beyond the announcement of an old fashioned Chinese New Year celebration of Chinatown before the fire. A dragon procession with high priests, and the creature borne through the rooms in his long sinuosity to a josshouse feast.

To the cleverness of Mrs. Harold Philips and Mrs. George Caswell has been due the success of other evenings, and they are among those who will be disciples of the dragon.

In a consideration of salons some one suggests the delightful hospitality of Mrs. Will Maddern, whose death last spring is still so keenly regretted among those who knew her. It was her gracious individual charm that drew interesting people, they say, and her informal "at homes" were unique in San Francisco.

But of present and contemporary salons the Tea club, in its casual, unpretentious way, is distinct among San Francisco efforts toward French effects.

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The wedding of Miss Ethel O'Brien and Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee Minnegerode, U. S. A., will take place this evening at the Fairmont. The bride will be attended by Mrs. Bertrand Yorke as matron of honor and the maid of honor will be Miss Margaretta Hunter. Lieutenant Minnegerode will be attended by Lieutenant Ralph A. Jones, U. S. A., as best man, and the ushers will be Captain Murray Baldwin, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Floyd Scowden, U. S. A., Lieutenant Bruce Campbell, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Edward Evarts, U. S. A. There will be an informal reception after the 9 o'clock ceremony for about 50 guests. Lieutenant Minnegerode and his bride will go south on a brief wedding journey. They will sail for the Philippines early next year.

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Baron and Baroness von Schroeder have taken a house in Jackson street for the winter. They will take possession of their new residence about December 20. Miss Edith von Schroeder is recovering from illness that has kept her confined for many months.

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Mrs. B. B. Cutter, mother of Mrs. J. Downey Harvey, is convalescent after an attack of grippe. Mrs. Cutter is with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey, at the St. Regent apartments in Gough street.

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Another debutante of the winter will be Miss Isabel McLaughlin, who has just returned from school in Europe and is with Miss Gretton and Dr. W. A. McEnery at the Fairmont. Miss McLaughlin was here last year. She went abroad several months ago and was one of the attendants at the wedding of Miss Therese McEnery and Captain Foster Gretton, who are now in India. Miss Gretton, who accompanied Doctor McEnery and Miss McLaughlin on their return from England, is a sister of Captain Gretton. She will remain here during the winter and will be at the Burlingame home of Doctor McEnery as soon as he finds a suitable house for the season.

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Miss Elliott Boke, eldest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. George H. Boke, has sent out cards for a dancing party to be given at her home December 27. Most of the guests will be members of the junior assembly from Berkeley and Oakland. Professor and Mrs. Boke have recently taken possession of the Lloyd Osborne house in Lombard and Hyde streets.

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One of the elaborate debutante parties of the season will be given tomorrow afternoon by Mrs. Harrison Smith at her home at Clay and Buchanan streets. The hostess will introduce her two daughters, the Misses Henrietta and Alice Smith, who have lately returned from study in Europe. Mrs. Smith and her daughters will be assisted in receiving their guests by the following:

Miss Augusta Foute	Misses Otis
Miss Isabel Beaver	Misses Cunningham
Miss Marion Crocker	Miss Dorothy Page
Miss Dora Winn	Miss Edith Smith
Miss Constance McLaren	Miss Cora Smith
Miss Gertrude Creswell	Mrs. R. C. Foute

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Miss Josephine and Miss Emily Parrott were the honored guests at a luncheon given yesterday at the Francisco club, where Mrs. Fred Moody was hostess. Among those invited were:

Miss Ethel Crocker	Miss Dorothy Page
Misses Cunningham	Miss Ruth Winslow
Miss Josephine Redding	Mrs. Athole McBean
Miss Jennie Hooker	

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Miss Lucy Bancroft will entertain at a tea to be given December 19 at her home in Jackson street.

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The dancing party to be given this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney V. Smith and their daughter, Miss Cora Smith, will be an informal affair. More than 100 young people have been asked to Century hall for the occasion.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Holmes have come to the city for the winter and have taken the Guyett home at 2019 Pacific avenue, where they will remain until April 1. Their own home in Belvedere will be occupied during the winter by Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarence Holes of Berkeley.

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Miss Minnie Houghton has returned to her home in Franklin street after an extended visit with relatives in the east.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Burke, with their young son, have gone to the Vendome hotel in San Jose, where they will remain until after the holidays. They are contemplating a trip to Berlin early in the new year, where they expect to consult throat specialists. Burke will undergo an operation upon his throat.

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Mrs. Horace Blanchard Chase has been confined to her home in Buchanan street for several days, but will be out again within a week.

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Mrs. Charles McCreary and her sister, Miss Minnie Clark of Sacramento, are enjoying a brief visit in this city and are at the Bellevue.

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Mrs. Adam Grant, mother of Joseph D. Grant, is ill at her apartments at the Granada.

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Miss Lucy B. Pierce has gone to Santa Barbara to pass the winter.

Prominent Mill Valley Society Woman to Entertain Smart Set

Mrs. Charles W. Durbrow, society hostess, and her two children for whom she often gives parties.

Moore & Clark Photo.

MRS. C. W. DURBROW, wife of the well known attorney, will entertain at a series of informal affairs this winter at her Mill Valley home. She is a frequent guest at parties in town, but she is more often a hostess at her attractive suburban residence, where she will remain during the season. Mrs. Durbrow entertains frequently for her young son and little daughter at enjoyable children's parties, and their friends from town are always invited to these gatherings.

NEW ERA LEAGUE PLANS BIG MEETING

At yesterday's session of the New Era league arrangements were completed for the general meeting to be held Friday afternoon promptly at 3:30 o'clock in the blue room of the St. Francis hotel.

Professor William L. Tomlins, who has been conducting a series of mothers' and children's classes at the California club, will speak on "Music as an Educational Factor in a Child's Life." Admission to the meeting will be by card only, which may be obtained by applying either to Mrs. Arthur Cornwall, chairman of the education committee, or to the headquarters of the league, room 816 St. Francis hotel.

As the meeting is designed for all those interested in music, the public is cordially invited.

At the next evening meeting of the New Era league Tuesday, January 2, Frank R. Devlin, James A. Johnston and other prominent republicans will present the subject "Progressive Republicanism." Other well known politicians of the same camp will take part in the discussion.

Mrs. Mackenzie Gordon is chairman of the program committee, and the chairmen of the other committees are as follows: Printing, Miss Cora May; membership, Mrs. William Hart Wood; state, Mrs. Louise Secombe; arrangements, Mrs. John D. Connell.

NATURALIST TO INVADE THE WILDS OF KOREA

Roy C. Andrews, a scientist of the American Museum of Natural History of New York, leaves this morning to penetrate the mountain fastnesses of the Yanu river in northern Korea to obtain specimens of big game. The country has never been entered by a white man, according to report. Andrews will be accompanied on his trip by natives.

This is his fourth trip around the world—in search of biological data. The first three months of his outing will be spent on the south coast of Korea, studying the water mammal life in those parts. He plans to bring back two specimens of whales not now found in the New York museum—the California gray whale and the humpback. The California gray was formerly found off the coast of Monterey, but was exterminated.

Andrews said yesterday that the city of New York had recently appropriated $250,000 to aid in the construction of a hall for water mammal specimens.

On the Yanu in northern Korea, Andrews expects to shoot big game and also to study the small land animals. Nothing of this life has yet been contributed to scientific literature.

UNIQUE READING ON GERMAN PROBLEM PLAY

"Hoehere Menschen" by Otto Gysea will be the subject of the German reading to be given in the greenroom of the St. Francis hotel by Mrs. Emil Pohli at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. "Hoehere Menschen" promises to form a topic of particular interest, as it differs from the subjects heretofore treated in that it is a four cornered problem play instead of the usual three cornered drama. Mrs. Pohli, who has been giving these readings under the auspices of the New Era league, is planning to hold another series of lectures during the month of January.

SACRAMENTO MASONS TO BUILD HIGH TEMPLE

$500,000 Secured for Nine Story Building

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—Money has been secured to insure the erection of the nine story Masonic temple at J and Twelfth streets. The building, as planned, will cost $500,000. Directors of the Masonic Building association declare that arrangements have been made to finance the building, but the names of the stock holders are not given out.

A plunge in comfortably heated ocean salt water at the Lurline Baths before breakfast makes the day's work easy. Baths open at 7 a. m. and until 10 p. m. Bush and Larkin streets.

PROF. BOWMAN TALKS TO CLIONIAN CLUB

Scandinavia and its place in the history of Europe were the topics of an interesting lecture given by Professor J. N. Bowman of the University of California to the members of the Clionian club yesterday afternoon.

The club this year is taking up the study of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the lecture was one of the important features of the program.

Professor Bowman spoke informally on the three lands, both from a personal and historical standpoint, giving his hearers the information gleaned from years of research and travel.

Preceding the lecture, Miss Beatrice Leaf played two piano solos, "The Swedish Wedding March" and "Tarantelle," and Mrs. La Croix sang four Scandinavian songs. Miss Edith Cook acted as accompanist.

CLUBWOMEN HEAR TALK ON POLITICS

Lectures, practical as well as academic; reading, both broad and deep; study, theoretical and actual, are the steps which women of the present day should take to prepare themselves for political life, according to Professor Thomas H. Reed of the University of California. Professor Reed gave an address on "Practical Politics for Women" before the members of the California club yesterday afternoon, in which he declared that politicians are but the mirrors to reflect the will of the people, and that women voters should remember this. Mrs. Lovell White presided and the program of the day was in charge of Mrs. J. C. Crawford.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY; HOLD EXERCISES TODAY

The public schools of this city will close Friday for the fall vacation.

Graduating exercises will be held today by the Horace Mann at 9:45 a. m.; Franklin at 10 a. m.; James Lick and Redding at 1 p. m.; Irving Scott at 1:30 p. m.; San Francisco Commercial and Bernal at 11 a. m.

Tomorrow—Sutro at 10:50 a. m.; Francis Scott Key, Frank McCoppin and Rochambeau at 1 p. m.; John Swett and Crocker at 1:30 p. m.; Hamilton grammar at 2 p. m.; Lincoln evening, Roosevelt and girls' high at 8 p. m.

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Chance Influences Make or Unmake Us---By Ruth Cameron

RUTH CAMERON

THE other day I heard a great scholar say that he did not think he should have been half the student and scholar he is if it had not been for a dictionary which a dear old friend gave him when he was a little boy, and which he had kept by him and consulted all his childhood.

The words of this scholar started a train of thought in regard to the innumerable little influences like this one which shape our lives. We talk a great deal about "self made men," but who is self made or anywhere near self made in this world of myriad influences—influences as complex and intertwined as the wires and bars of some great mechanism and as inevitable as the workings of that machine.

It seems to me it would be interesting for all of us to pause occasionally and review some of these influences.

The man I spoke of gave emphatic credit to the gift of the dictionary, but there were doubtless innumerable other influences as important that helped make him what he is. There was some great book which he had read at just the right moment, some fine personality that touched him with its fire, some one gripping sermon, some opporunity to do just the right sort of work which a watchful friend pointed out—all these influences and countless others, multiplied by his own inherent force of brain and character, made the product of his present greatness.

Because he is so great a man I can not think of humble things in connection with him, but in our more modest lives there are innumerable humbler influences that help make us whatever we are. For example, in my own life, much credit belongs to the donor of a working desk for whatever system or method, a personality which naturally lacked these merits has developed. The systematic looking into pigeonholes, drawers and files have placed a premium on system and method and demanded them of me so emphatically that I have really been forced to try to meet these demands.

The man who introduced you to the man who gave you a chance to show what you could do, the person who criticized and made you ashamed of some bad or inefficient habit, the person who interested you in some line of work in which you afterward found your niche, the one who gave you or called your attention to some book which had a deep effect upon you, the big personality that furnished you with an ideal to struggle toward—don't forget to reckon all these and all the rest among your debts of influence.

And having reckoned the debt, what then?

"Well, in the first place, I hope you will scan this mental account and lay it down more humble, grateful and more eager to pay a little of it by your services to and influence upon others.

And in the second place, do not forget that you can pay another small portion—as the scholar did—by acknowledgment—acknowledgment and thanks to your creditors if they are within reach, acknowledgment and praise to the world at large if they are not.

CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD COOKING

The Call is engaged in the development of good cookery in California. The students consist of the housekeepers of the state. The teachers are of that same great, intelligent company. All are learning by interchange of their best recipes and ideas through the open columns of The Call. The page, "California Women Who Cook," appears in The Sunday Call regularly. Choice pieces of silver ware are awarded to contributors of recipes each week. Send your best to The Housekeeper, The Sunday Call, San Francisco. Perhaps recipes among the following will offer a pleasing change in the household of the reader:

By MRS. A. D. LYNDS,
Virginia City, Nev.

Sour Cabbage—Use either white or red cabbage sliced very fine with a sharp knife. Add just enough water to keep from burning and a cooking spoonful of strong vinegar. Add a little water from time to time as it evaporates, but no more vinegar. A teaspoonful of bacon fat improves the flavor.

Tiny Browned Potatoes—Boil in their skins a potful of your small potatoes. Peel when cold and fry a nice brown in drippings.

Pumpkin Pie Without Eggs—Stew and strain pumpkin as for other pies. Add enough milk to make about a third thicker than usual. Sweeten with equal quantities of sugar and molasses. Turn the milk boiling hot upon the pumpkin, which causes it to swell in baking, making it as light as if eggs had been used. This will be found palatable and quite hygienic without spices, but spices may be added if desired. Make the pumpkin about the consistency of common cake batter.

Apple Jelly—When I make apple sauce I always use the peelings and cores for jelly. Cook in barely enough water to cover till peelings are very tender, then strain and cook the juice without sugar for half an hour, with juice of half a lemon to every three cups of apple juice. Measure and add sugar (cup for cup). Boil hard for 20 minutes. At the last drag a sprig of rose geranium through the jelly. This also improves your apple sauce.

Pork Sandwich—Take a large pork chop (off the loin), lay it in a pan, season with salt and pepper, lay on top of it a layer of apple dressing thru another chop the same size. Bake for half an hour in oven, not too hot. Make the dressing of one cup of soaked stale bread. Add three tart apples after peeling and slicing. Put a little salt in—no sugar. If you bake this in an earthen dish serve it in same.

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By MRS. E. W. PIPER,
1215 Eighth Avenue, Oakland

Carrot Pudding—One large cup grated carrot, one large cup grated potato, one and half cup of suet chopped fine, two large cups flour, one-half large cup brown sugar, two cups raisins, two cups currants, one cup citron, one cup orange and lemon peel, one 10 cent package figs chopped fine, one teaspoon salt, one full teaspoon soda dissolved in one tablespoon of hot water, one tablespoon spices, cloves, cinnamon, mace and nutmeg. Place flour, salt and spices in mixing bowl, add carrot, potato and suet; mix well, then add fruit with soda; stir all together; put in greased pails and boil three hours. If you care to double this recipe you will find it handy to have a pail hanging in a cool place ready to put into hot water and heat for unexpected guests. This makes as nice a Christmas pudding as you would care to eat. Hard or liquid sauce can be used—I use both.

Orange Marmalade—Take one dozen oranges, wash and wipe dry; use a sharp knife, cutting the fruit in the middle. Slice thin into a pint bowl. To every pint of fruit add three pints of water, let stand nearly four hours; then place on fire and boil until rind is tender—about one hour—remove from fire and let stand nearly four hours longer. To every pint of this mixture add one pint of granulated sugar—using two kettles, as it will take less time—boil until jellied, add the juice of six lemons, boil up once, stir well and put into pint cans or jellyglasses; cover with paper; when cool it will keep perfectly for two years or longer.

GAS COMPANY SUED AS ANTI-TRUST VIOLATOR

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.—The state utilities commission today brought suit in the supreme court to oust the Kansas Natural Gas company and to collect half a million dollars in penalties for violating the anti-trust law.

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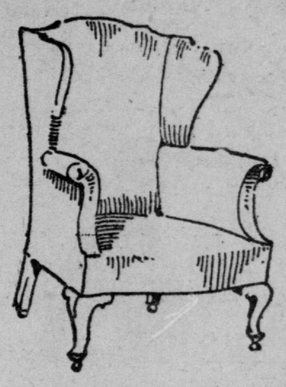

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